

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
November 5, 2010

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on November 5, 2010 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli, Michael Boyce, Daniel Beardsley and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Randall L. Souza, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Arne Perry and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the October 8, 2010 meeting were mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting, and

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

<u>VOTED:</u>	To approve the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2010
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The following applications were then presented for consideration:

3. RECONSIDERATION -ACCIDENTAL

1. Phillip DeBeaulieu

A 54 year old state, electrical inspector with DOT for 7 years and 2

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability

2. Rhonda Abbott Varrica

A 42 year old state, CNA with Zambarano Hospital for 17 years and 5 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

3. Michael Almeida

A 58 year old state, deputy sheriff with Newport county court House for 26 years and 5 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability

4. Stephen Limoges A 61 year old state, evaluation specialist for the State Supreme Court for 15 years and 2 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability

5. Richard Fleming A 61 year old state, storekeeper with URI for 24 years and 8 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability

6. Brian Gallagher A 40 year old municipal , police officer with the City of Cranston for 11 years and 0 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement subject to a one year review.

4. RECONSIDERATION - ORDINARY

NONE

5. ACCIDENTAL – New

7. Jeniffer Csizmesia A 45 year old municipal, meter reader with the city of Woonsocket for 9 years and 4 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

6. ORDINARY – New

None

7. HEARINGS ACCIDENTAL/ORDINARY

8. Krysten Orsini A 28 year old state, police office with the Dept. of Public Safety for 7 years and 7 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board Uphold the Denial of the application for an accidental disability retirement. The vote was 2-2 with Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voting nay. Will be continued as a re-vote at the December 3, 2010 meeting

8. POST - RETIREMENT REVIEW

9. James Leduc

Case Review

To send James Leduc to one IME. If no longer disabled put on list for re-hire. Motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimous.

10. Jerry Prete

Update

To send Jerry Prete to one IME to determine if he is still disabled. Motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimous.

9... NEW BUSINESS

11. Robert Bastien

New disability application

No to processing new application for shoulder. Send member to one IME for his knee to see if he is still disabled. Member will have 30 days to terminate from receipt of IME. Motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and second by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimous.

12. The Neurology Foundation

The Neurology Foundation was interested in being the exclusive provider of neurologic IME's for the State.

No to The Neurology Foundation proposal being the exclusive provider of neurologic exams for IME's for the State. Motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and second by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimous.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Sub-Committee, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

Voted:

To adjourn the meeting at 11:58 A.M...

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry
ACP:gsb

November 26, 2010